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In the Claims:

1. (currently amended)

A liquid thickened chlorine bleach composition having a pH of 12 or greater comprising:

an active chlorine source;

at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, amine oxides, and mixtures thereof;

at least one thickener selected from the group consisting of polycarboxylates, polyacrylamides, elays, gums, cellulose derivatives, and mixtures thereof; and at least one colloid-forming clay in an amount up to 1% by weight; at least one abrasive material selected from the group consisting of oxides, carbonates, quartzes, siliceous chalk, diatomaceous earth, colloidal silicon dioxide, alkali metasilicates, organic abrasivo materials selected from polyolefins, polyethylenes, polypropylenes, polyesters, polystyrenes, acetonitrile-butadienestyrene resins, melamines, polycarbonates, phenolic resins, epoxies, and polyurethanes, natural materials selected from rice hulls, corn cobs, and the like, nepheline syenite, or tale and mixtures thereof;

water; and

optionally, one or more materials selected from the group consisting of perfumes and perfume stabilizers, builders, rheology stabilizers; pH and buffering agents, electrolytes, pigments, colorants and the like.

- 2. (original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant is an amine oxide.
- 3. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant is a mixture of anionic surfactant and amine oxide.

- 4. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from alkyl sulfates and alkyl ether sulfates.
- 5. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is selected from alkyl ether sulfates.
- 6. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the thickener comprises a polycarboxylate is a mixture of polycarboxylates and elays.
- 7. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the thickener comprises a polyacrylamide is a mixture of polyacrylamides.
- 8. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the thickener comprises a polycarboxylate and a polyacrylamide is a polycarboxylates.
- 9. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 which contains a rheology modifier.
- 10. (canceled)
- 11. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the active chlorine source is a hypochlorite bleach, and the surfactant does not comprise unsaturations.
- 12. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the active chlorine source is a hypochlorite bleach, and the surfactant does not

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comprise aldehydic, methyl keto or hydroxyl groups susceptible to oxidation by the hypochlorite.

13.(canceled)